

2026.10.15 SD8 Weekly Bulletin - Family Edition



Mission - We inspire and support each learner to thrive in a caring learning environment

 Remember to check out the [SD8 calendar](#) for important dates and to find out what is going on around the district!
(downloadable/printable version - [2026/2027 School Year](#))

INFORMATION FOR SD8 FAMILIES

Family Engagement Sessions 2026-2027!

Join SD8 staff throughout the year to learn about various programs and initiatives.

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#) | Password: parent

<https://sd8.zoom.us/j/62327485350>

November 5, 2026 - Scholarship Information Night Overview of Scholarship Process and Three-Year Grad Plan

SD8 scholarship process and opportunities overview for parents and students.

December 3, 2026 - French Immersion Information Night (Creston and Nelson) for Families

SD8 French Immersion in Creston overview for parents and students (Program and application process)

April 1, 2027 - Scholarships: What to Expect During Adjudication

Review for students and families.

DPAC Meetings (virtual)

Please join us virtually for our next DPAC Meeting!

Find meeting dates, agendas, DPAC contacts and more [here!](#)

The DPAC Inaugural Meeting is October 22, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM PST - hope to see you there!

K-3 Families: Early Literacy

Supporting your child's learning starts with understanding what they are learning at school and how their skills develop over time.

The B.C. Ministry of Education and Child Care has released new parent and caregiver resources to help families better understand early literacy and numeracy from kindergarten to grade 3.

These easy-to-read resources include:

- **Early Literacy Screening:** Information about why early literacy matters, what literacy screening involves, and how it helps teachers identify and support your child's learning needs.
- **A Pathway to Proficiency - Literacy and Numeracy:** Grade-specific guides outlining what children are expected to learn, the foundational skills they develop, and examples of what proficient learning looks like at each grade level.

These resources are designed to help families understand their child's learning journey and support meaningful conversations with teachers about progress and next steps.

Resources: (SD8>Innovative Learning>[Early Learning](#))

Early Literacy Screening

[Early Literacy Screening: Information for Parents and Caregivers \(PDF\)](#)

K-3 English Language Arts: A Pathway to Proficiency

[Kindergarten English Language Arts: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[Grade 1 English Language Arts: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[Grade 2 English Language Arts: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[Grade 3 English Language Arts: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

K-3 Mathematics: A Pathway to Proficiency

[Kindergarten Mathematics: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[Grade 1 Mathematics: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[Grade 2 Mathematics: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[Grade 3 Mathematics: A Pathway to Proficiency \(PDF\)](#)

[SD8 News](#) - catch up on the latest announcements, Board Highlights and news in SD8!

[Superintendent's Report](#) - Read the latest blog from Superintendent Smillie to find out what's being celebrated and what is going on around the district this month!